

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL)
October 14, 2015
1:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Government Center South, conference Room 22
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46207

Present at Meeting:

ICOIL Members Present: Chris Cleveland, Peter Ciancone, Allen Piening, William Fama, Bonnie Bomer, Peri Rogowski, and Thomas Hayes

ICOIL Members Absent: Leslie Hawker, Jama Gonzalez, Beverly Harding, and Erin L. Hall

Guest Present: Amy Browning, John Guingrich, Rebecca Anderson, Valerie Michael, Cindy Cox, Jim McCormick, Al Tolbert, Tonya Resler, Jodeci Gonzalez, Richard Simers, Lisa Oliver, Lori Griner, Dee Ann Hart, George T. Jamiec

Guest Tardy: Kylee Hope

The regular meeting of the Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL) was called to order at 1:00 PM on October 14, 2015 at the Government Center South, Conference Room 22 by Chairperson Chris Cleveland.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairperson Chris Cleveland welcomed and introduced new board members; Fred Vaiana and Cynthia Rockwell.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

ICOIL Board Members and Guest recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Thomas “Tom” Hayes (DSE Non-Voting Member), Peri Rogowski (DSE Non-Voting Member), Bonnie Bomer (Non-Voting Member), Frederick “Fred” Vaiana (Voting

Member), Peter Ciancone (Voting Member), Chris Cleveland (Voting Member), Allen “Al” Piening (Voting Member), William “Bill” Fama (Voting Member), Cynthia Rockwell (Voting Member)

Kylee Hope DSE Non-Voting Member was present but, came after roll call.

IV. Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda.

V. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Chris Cleveland. The motion was seconded by Peter Ciancone and passed.

VI. Statement of the Chair

Chairperson Chris Cleveland welcomed new members and stated that public comments will be heard at the end of the meeting.

VII. Approval of Minutes: June, July, August & September 2015 Meetings

Chairperson Chris Cleveland stated that the minutes from June, July, August and September of 2015 needed to be approved. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Al Piening. The motion was seconded by Peter Ciancone and passed.

VIII. Old Business

1) Election of New Officers:

Peter Ciancone acknowledges last month's nominating committee for the slate of candidates from last month's meeting for the council officers. Chris Cleveland is Chair, Al Piening is Vice Chair, and Peter Ciancone is the Secretary /Treasurer. Peter Ciancone opened the floor to nominations. Motion to approve the slate of new officers was made by Bill Fama. The motion was seconded by Peter and was passed.

2) SIILC Request:

Amy Browning, the Executive Director for Southeastern Indiana Independent Living Center (SIILC), presented another request for SIILC to join the State Network of Independent Living Center in Indiana, which will allow SIILC to have their voices heard at the table and represent their region. For seven and a half years they have been working

to pursue this request and would like to follow up with ICOIL board. Peri Rogowski thanked Amy for coming back to the board and presented her questions and research. Peri Rogowski explains that in order to follow through on this request, as stated by the Indiana Council; IC 12-12-8-13, a peer review committee needs to be appointed by the council and the division in order to make recommendations for grants to new organizations eligible to be centers for independent living. She explains that although no funds are being requested by SIILC, however expanding the centers should be followed through by the code. The Peer Review Committee of ICOIL could consider in review the centers to show that they provide the standard of assurances to ensure that a Request for Funds (RFF) is submitted for the region, following a partnership with the center. Peter Ciancone stated that his understanding of the advisory committee required a member from out of the state and asks for clarification. In response to Mr. Ciancone, Peri Rogowski, stated that the Indiana Code did not list that requirement, and the group is referring to is an onsite group, where the request of SIILC is not recognized in the same category. The recognition of a center, looking forward to becoming a part of the network centers is a different process than providing program audits than existing centers. Chairman Chris Cleveland states that reaching out to other centers to obtain a member that is from out of state is necessary to prepare for incoming centers. Peri Rogowski asks the Chairman to appoint a committee to begin the process and continues to express questions on how to appoint a peer review committee. Chairman Chris Cleveland states that the process will move forward next month, be written into the next State Plan, and the peer review committee procedure will be introduced. Chairman Chris Cleveland asks if any board member who would like to chair that peer review committee. Allen Piening volunteered to chair the Peer Review Committee. Questions rose on conflict of interest due to his position held at an establishing center, but the code requirement had no findings. Kylee Hope states that it is highly important the both the division and council work together to review. She apologizes for attending the late and greets board. Peter Ciancone states the board will present the names of committee members and a peer review process will be addressed at the next board meeting. Chris Cleveland ends discussion and calls Bonnie Bomer to discuss the Public hearing for the State Plan.

3) Public Hearing on State Plan:

Bonnie Bomer discusses the hearing on October 14, 2015 at the Indianapolis Government Center with 15-20 people in attendance, John Guingrich and Al Tolbert to testify, and few comments. The next hearing will take place in South Bend on October 21, 2015 and the third hearing will take place in Evansville on October 28, 2015. Chairman Chris moved the discussion to the Administrative Director Review Panel.

4) Administrative Director Review Panel:

Resumes for six potential candidates for the Administrative Director's position have come in and Chairman Chris Cleveland appointed Peri Rogowski to review. Bill Fama volunteered his assistance on the review. The review team will include the above individuals

5) Others:

No additional information in Old Business was discussed.

IX. New Business

1) ICOIL, Inc.

Al Tolbert presented the report stating that the website is now operating and the 800 number running. Beth Quarles attended a meeting in Norfolk Virginia to better learn the website operation, many needs assessments were completed online and sent to the board. Peter Ciancone complimented on the website. Al Tolbert states that NCIL membership needs to be updated due to expiration.

2) New Members

Chairman Chris Cleveland, Peter Ciancone, Peri Rogowski, and Tonya Resler, plan to work together to help new members receive better trainings. Peri Rogowski states that new members have access to webinars and onsite trainings.

X. Updates, Reports, Comments

4) Planning

Al Tolbert states that the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) membership needs to be updated due to expiration. The annual dues for ICOIL yearly, is about \$90 based off the \$93,000 budget. A motion was made by to renew NCIL membership and pay dues. The motion was seconded by Peter Ciancone and approved. Peter Ciancone addressed ICOIL at its first public hearings for the State Plan. The ICOIL website has comments for public access. We are also beginning to collect needs assessment documents. The Will Center has started a data collection to have clear understanding of the needs assessment with the help of an intern. The last of the public hearings is scheduled for the end of the month. Document control is important and hiring of an executive director will provide a method of maintaining all documents. A draft document

of the State Plan will be presented late winter to submit to Administration of Community Living (ACL) by January 30, 2016.

5) DSE

Peri Rogowski stated in her report that RSA and ACL is in the middle of creating the State Plan draft, the shift of the Department of Education and Workforce Development has occurred, and there will be a draft of the 704 Reports for review at next monthly meeting.

6) Update: Centers for Independent Living

Peter Ciancone explains that The Will Center is doing construction for accessibility projects and is looking for funding now. This time of the year is vital for next year's funding material. Due to the high demand in reports, the 704 reports are coming along will be looked at after the State Plan is presented. He then states that ICOIL is working with IUPUI Fort Wayne, Master level Social Work students, to research youth transitions nationally. Al Tolbert reports from the 19 counties that went to the workshop with county clerks and the Secretary of State enforcing the "Ease of Access" for the minutes for persons with disabilities. The center went on a two-day fishing trip at Lake Monroe with about 150 individuals with disabilities participated.

7) Public Comments:

Chris Cleveland stated that the floor is open for public comments and will allow 5 minutes for anyone to speak.

DeeAnn Hart approached the mic and stated her value as a NCIL member. She currently serves on the voting rights tasks force for NCIL and is pleased that one center among us is working with their counties to giving opportunities. The task force she is currently working with is focused on voting rights and mental health for people with disabilities. She states that hearing that other centers are taking care of other aspects of people with disabilities through encouragement is wanted to be seen nationally. She states the motto "People first and their illness or disability \ is second. Transportation for people with disabilities is another concern expressed at NCIL. In her final remarks she states, together, as a whole, can change.

John Guingrich approached the mic and states his appreciation in the process of center recognition. He states that even if a committee is large enough that a member of the committee having their own group review may not have an impact. It creates the perception of a Convergys group. The perception of the conflict of interest can raise more issues and the question was appreciated. Bill Fama thanks Mr. Guingrich for his areas of concerns and agrees.

Bonnie Bomer thanks the ICOIL directors and encourages the board to help clients understand the opportunities that are being implemented for them. She says to let your clients know that we are here for them.

8) Adjournment:

Chairman Chris Cleveland thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and moved to adjourn the meeting and Peter Ciancone seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

XI. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in conference room C at:

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